

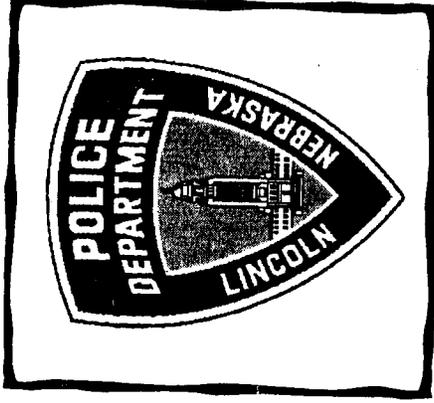
WHAT IS A ROBBERY

Robbery is defined as: The taking of money or personal property of any value by the use of force and violence or by putting a person in fear. In the State of Nebraska robbery is a Class II Felony.

Often times a robbery will take place immediately before or just after closing time. Usually, the robber is looking for money or small valuable items such as jewelry, narcotics or other things that are easy to carry away and can quickly be converted into cash. Most robberies are completed in a few minutes.

In order of magnitude of other crimes, robbery represents the smallest monetary loss, falling significantly below shoplifting, employee theft, fraudulent checks, and burglary. However, the outstanding factor about a robbery is the personal danger you and your employees are likely to face from violence, especially if the robber is armed.

If you are robbed, the best thing you can do is cooperate fully with the robbers demands. At the same time, you should be observant and note important factors that will be useful to the police.



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ARMED ROBBERY



PREVENTION AND SURVIVAL

ANTICIPATING A ROBBERY

- ↪ Be alert. Be aware of people on the business property, especially near closing time.
- ↪ Call the police on suspicious people.
- ↪ Train all employees on your alarm and placard system.
- ↪ Train your employees, discuss what employees might do during a robbery.
- ↪ Have adequate lighting near front and rear entrances. Keep parking areas well lighted.
- ↪ Keep windows free and clear of obstructions.
- ↪ Keep the amount of cash in teller or register drawer at a minimum to cut your losses in case of a robbery.
- ↪ Ensure that your alarm system is in good working order.

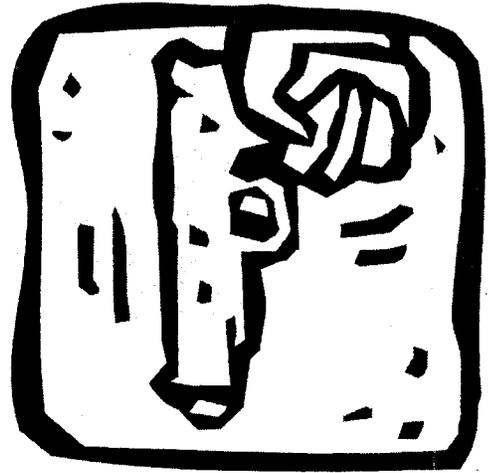
DURING A ROBBERY

- ↪ Do not do anything which would jeopardize personal safety.
- ↪ Consider all firearms, if they are used, to be loaded.
- ↪ Activate the alarm, if possible.
- ↪ Try to alert other employees, but do not sacrifice personal safety.
- ↪ Look for accomplices.
- ↪ Observe physical characteristics...

- * AGE
- * HEIGHT
- * CLOTHING
- * SCARS
- * TATTOOS
- * RACE

- * HAIR STYLE AND COLOR
- * COMPLEXION
- * SPEECH - ACCENTS
- * JEWELRY
- * ODORS - ALCOHOL / SMOKE
- * FACIAL CHARACTERISTICS

- ↪ Observe the type of weapon.
- ↪ If a vehicle is used attempt to get color, model, license number.
- ↪ Don't be a HERO!



AFTER A ROBBERY

- ↪ Call 911 Immediately
- ↪ Stay on the line with the dispatcher.
- ↪ Protect the scene, do not touch anything.
- ↪ Don't let anyone in or out. Lock the door.
- ↪ Detain witnesses until police arrive.
- ↪ Do not discuss descriptions with other employees.
- ↪ Relax... the worst is over and YOU SURVIVED.

